

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hinge device for coupling two units movable to folded and unfolded positions in an apparatus with the two units such as a portable radiotelephone includes a housing, a first
5 rotating member contained in the housing to rotate about a first rotation axis, and a second rotating member rotatable about a second rotation axis. The hinge device includes a first linearly moving member that is linearly movable due to the rotation of the first rotating member, and a second linearly moving member that is linearly movable due to the rotation of the second rotating member. The hinge device includes a first resilient member for
10 urging the first linearly moving member against the first rotating member, and a second resilient member for urging the second linearly moving member against the second rotating member.